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Cosmo is the quick-witted leader of his Martian crew. Together, they travel space in search of adventure!

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COSMO

ORBI

MEDULLA

MAX

MISSION: RESCUE!

During a recon mission on the asteroid Ceres, Cosmo and his crew learned that the evil Venusians have been using a mineral called Aphrodite, which allows the Venusians to mutate lifeforms to do their bidding.

As if that wasn't bad enough, one of the elite Venusian warriors, Battle Princess Shih, kidnapped Cosmo's best pal Orbi!

With no time to lose, the Martians race after Shih, determined to rescue their friend before something even more awful happens to him...

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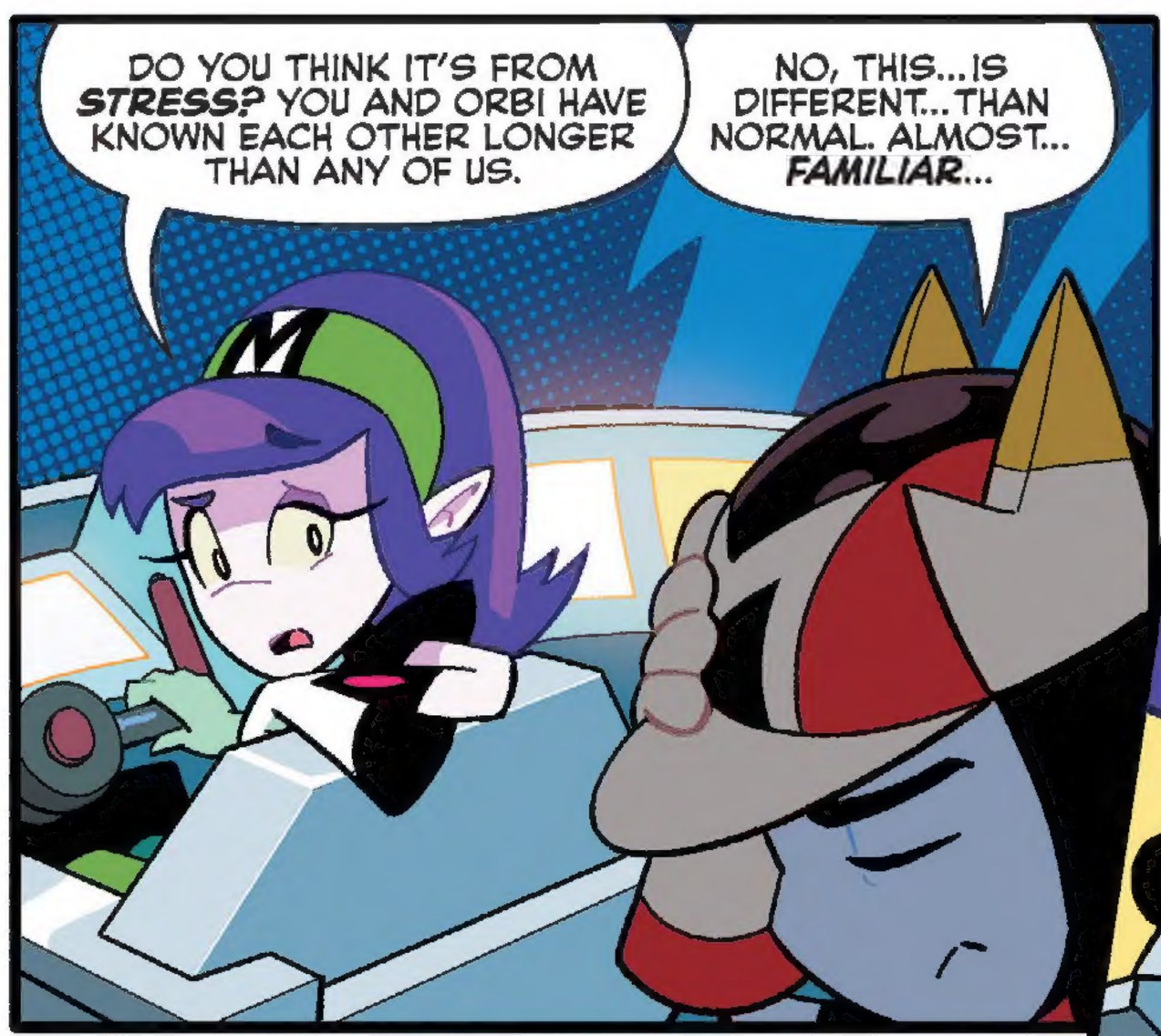
PUSH THE UFO'S ENGINES TO THE MAX, ASTRA!
ORBI IS AT THE MERCY OF THE ENEMY!
AND THIS HEADACHE IS KILLING ME--
--SO IF WE COULD JUST WRAP THIS UP...
SPEAKING OF HEADACHES...


DO YOU THINK IT'S FROM STRESS? YOU AND ORBI HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER LONGER THAN ANY OF US.
NO, THIS...IS DIFFERENT...THAN NORMAL. ALMOST... FAMILIAR...

WELL MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY IF YOU'D BEEN PAYING ATTENTION!
!!

LOUD...
YOU'RE OUR LEADER, COSMO. WE LOOK TO YOU FOR...
SORRY, WHAT?
SIIIIIIIIIIIGH!!

YOU'RE OUR LEADER. WE LOOK TO YOU FOR GUIDANCE.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP US SAFE, IF WE'RE GOING TO STOP QUEEN HESPER, WE NEED YOU TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD.

BUMPITA-
BUMPITA-
BUMPITA

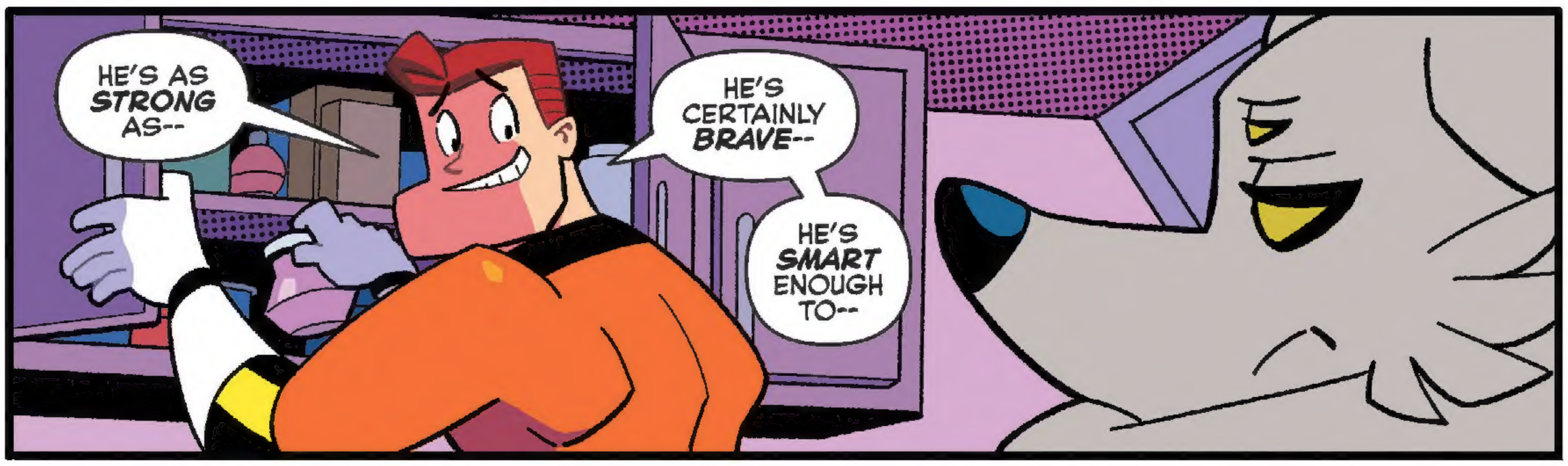
"EYES ON THE ROAD," *Huh?* MISS ALL OF SATURN'S SPEED BUMPS?

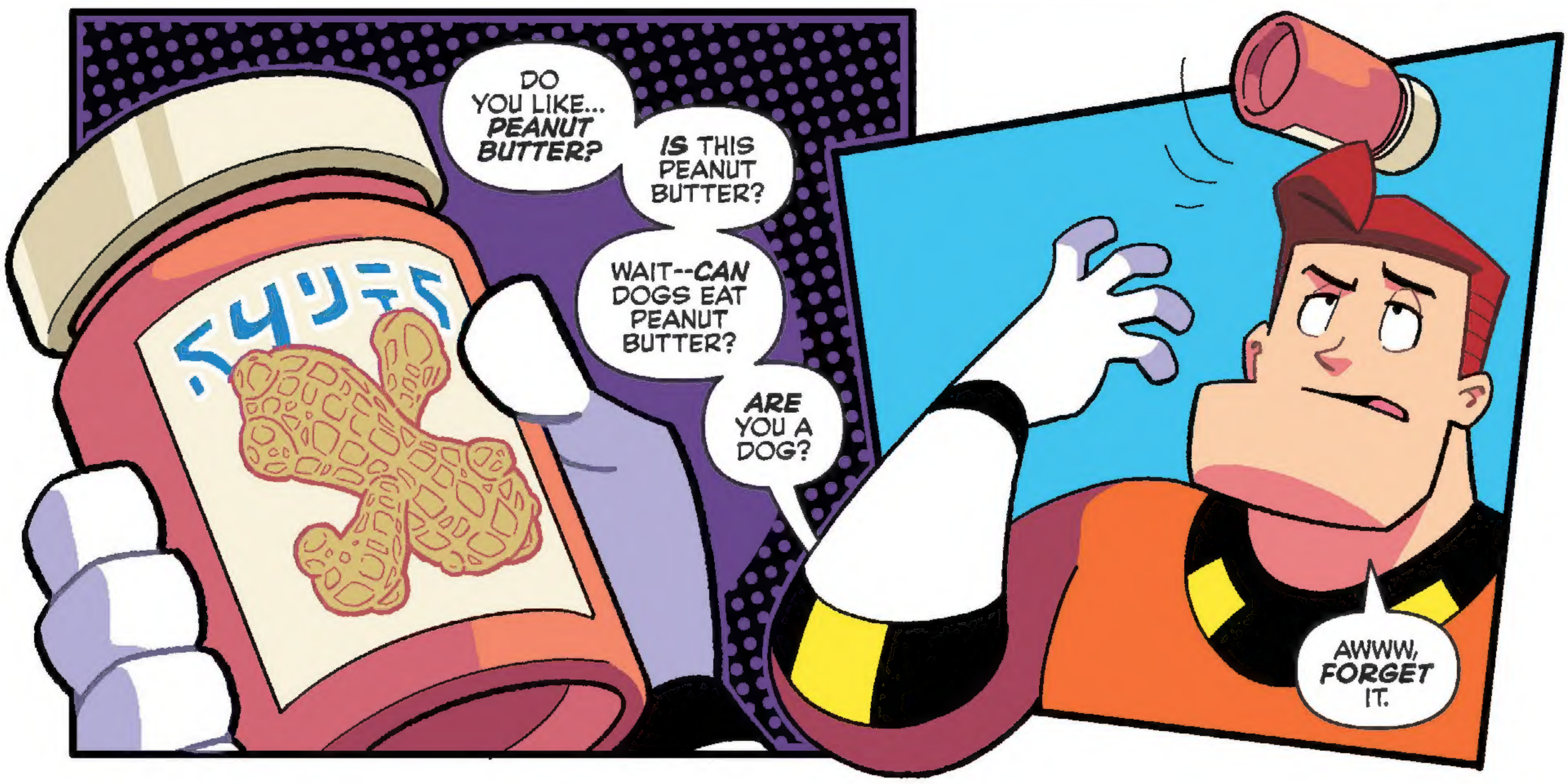
OUT.
HAHA HA!

BUMPITA-BUMPITA-
BUMPITA

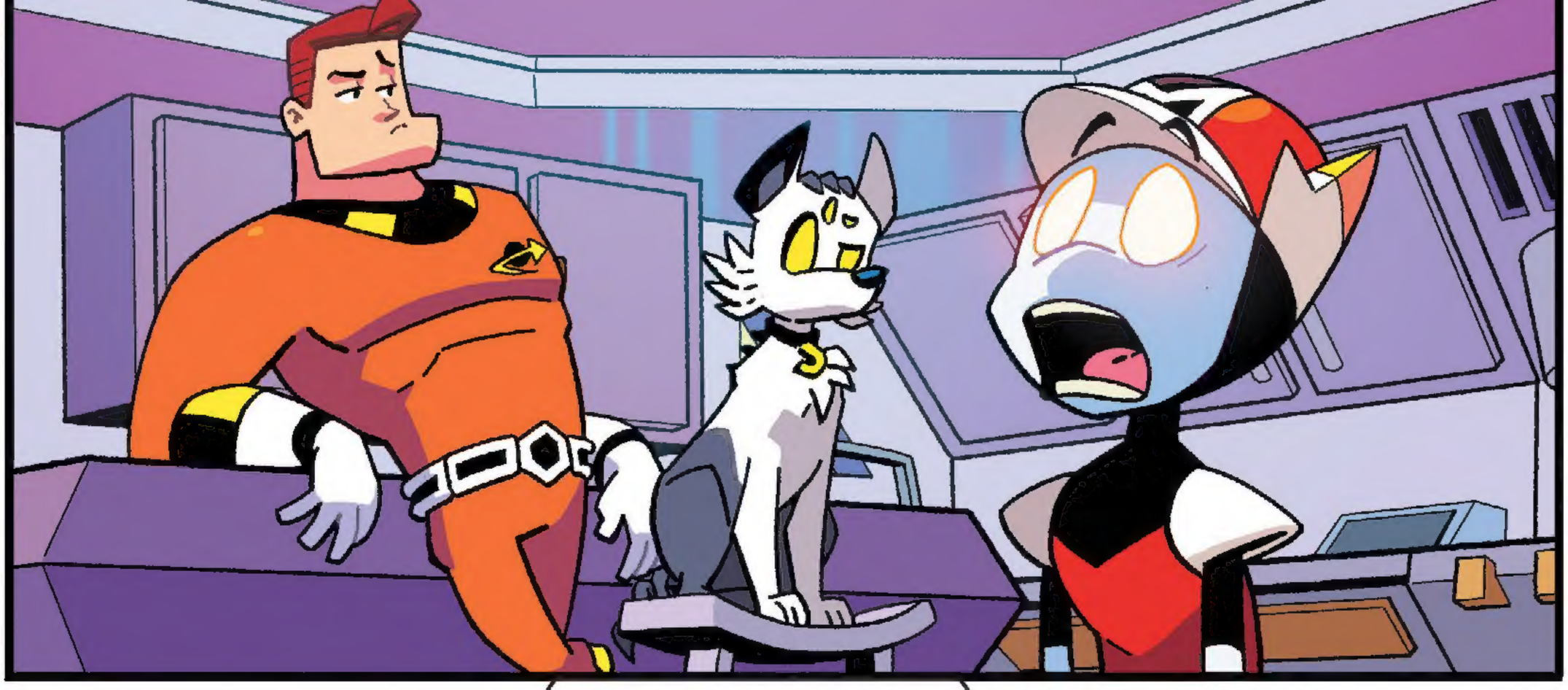
YOU DROVE OVER THOSE FASTER ON PURPOSE!
ORB! ALWAYS SAID WE HAD A BUMPY RELATIONSHIP...

THERE-*THERE*, JOJO. I'M SURE ORBI WILL BE *JUUUST* FINE!





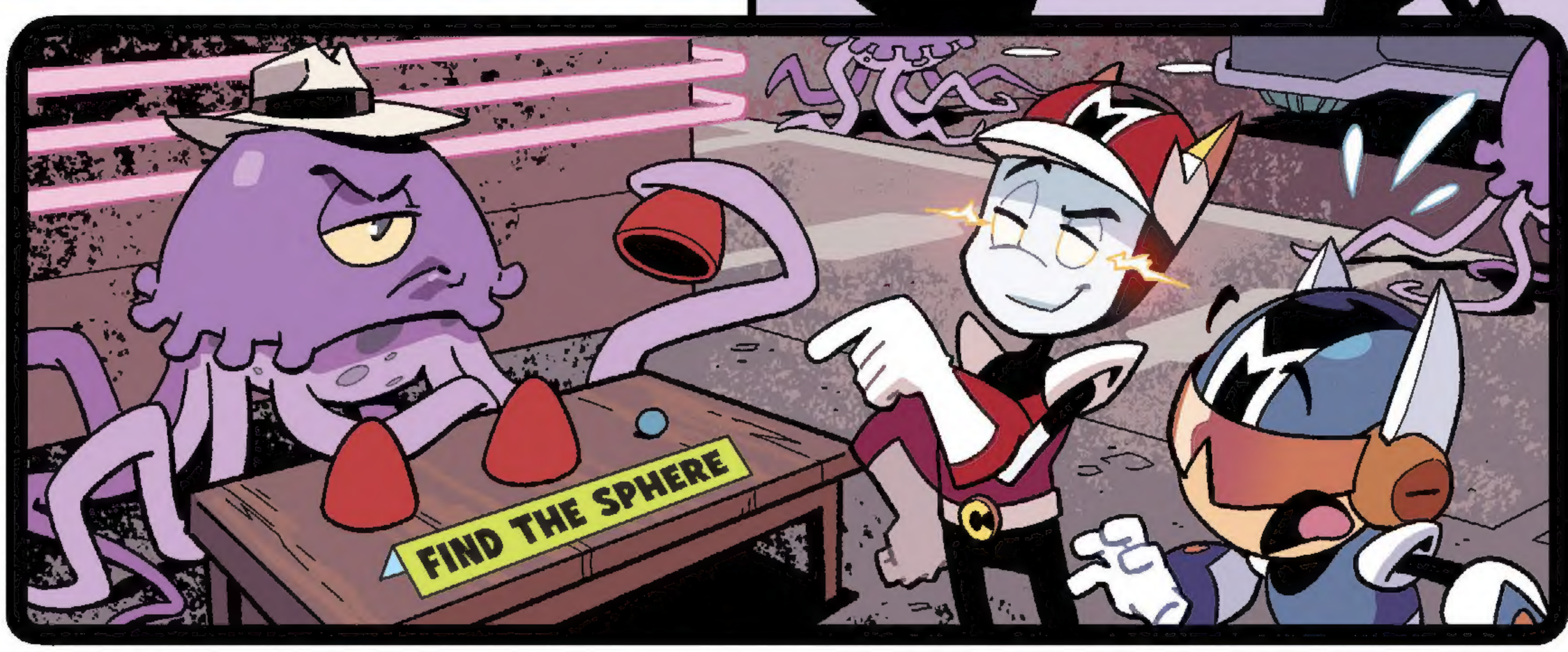
COSMO! LEND ME A HAND. WHAT CAN I MAKE FOR JOJO TO MAKE HIM HAPPIER?
HEY, MAX. HE AND ORBI LIKE TO SHARE A BOWL OF GIZZLEFLORP.
WHICH IS...?
MADE FROM FRESH NYORKS. I THINK WE'RE OUT THOUGH.
I TRIED.
HEADACHE?
YUP.
FROM THE... SPACE-TURBULENCE?
Oh, NO, THAT WAS SATURN'S RUMBLE STRIPS. THEY AREN'T HELPING, BUT THAT'S NOT IT.
RUMBLE... YOU MEAN SATURN'S RINGS?
...Huh, YEAH, I GUESS THEY ARE RING-SHAPED.
NOW I'M GETTING A HEADACHE...
THE NATIVE V'GHANS ARE LOVELY PEOPLE THOUGH. ONE TIME, ORBI AND I--
ZING



...TH-THAT WAS ANOTHER *COSMIC VISION!*
AND THAT'S...WHAT? THE MARTIAN VERSION OF FALLING ASLEEP ON YOUR FEET?

NO--IT'S SOMETHING *SPECIAL.*
I'LL GET THESE FLASHES OF INSIGHT. IT'S HOW I KNEW WHERE TO FIND YOUR SHIP. IT'S SHOWN ME THAT ORBI AND *SOMETHING ELSE* ARE WAITING FOR US ON SATURN!

JUST WHAT WE NEEDED--MARTIAN MAGIC MUMBO-JUMBO.
IT'S NOT MUMBO *OR* JUMBO!
IT'S SUPER SPECIAL AWESOME!
IT IS A *MIGHTY* AWESOMENESS!
Uh-*Huh.* WHAT ELSE HAS IT SHOWN YOU?


FIND THE SPHERE

SOON--CRONUS AERIAL BASE.
ASTRA TO CREW-- DROP PODS AWAY!
I'LL SEE IF I CAN'T DRAW THOSE PATROL SHIPS AWAY. BE SAFE DOWN THERE!
SHUNK
SHUNK

OOOh DO BE CAREFUL NOT TO TEAR HIS SPACE SUIT! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS ATMOSPHERE!
THUD
MY SUPERIOR EARTH-DESIGNED SUIT WILL BE FINE, THANK YOU!
BUT...Uh...WHY DON'T YOU NEED HELMETS?
OUR UNIFORMS REGULATE EVERYTHING THROUGH A PRECISE BIO-STASIS FIELD!
RIIIIGHT... O-OF COURSE...
BUT HE'S ONLY WEARING A COLLAR.
JOJO IS JOJO.
AND ORBI IS IN DANGER. LET'S MOVE OUT.

"WE SHOULD FIND THE PRISON CELLS THERE."

...A-AND WHEN I WAS TEN I STOLE A MUFFIN BEFORE DINNER!

AND I ASKED MEDULLA TO DO MOST OF MY HOMEWORK!

AND I ASKED MEDULLA TO MAKE A TIME MACHINE TO GO BACK AND DO ALL MY OTHER HOMEWORK!

AND ONE TIME I--!

SHUT.

UP.

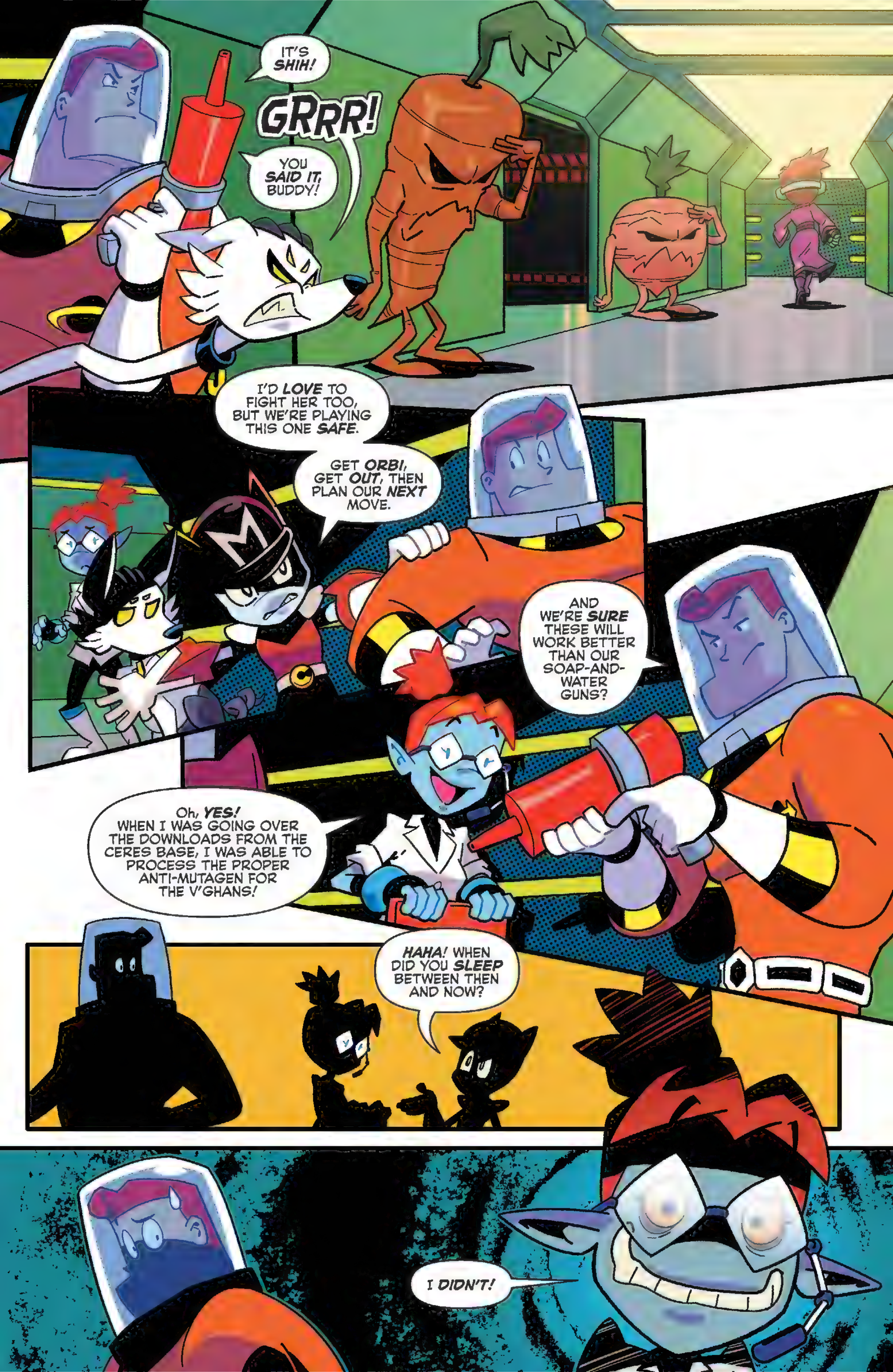
WHEN I SAID "TELL ME EVERYTHING," I MEANT "EVERYTHING *IMPORTANT*"!

Hmph. LUCKY YOU-- LOOKS LIKE MY VEGEMITE MINIONS JUST GOT BACK WITH SOMETHING OF *VALUE*.

SO...YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO TURN ME INTO A HORRIBLE MUTANT?

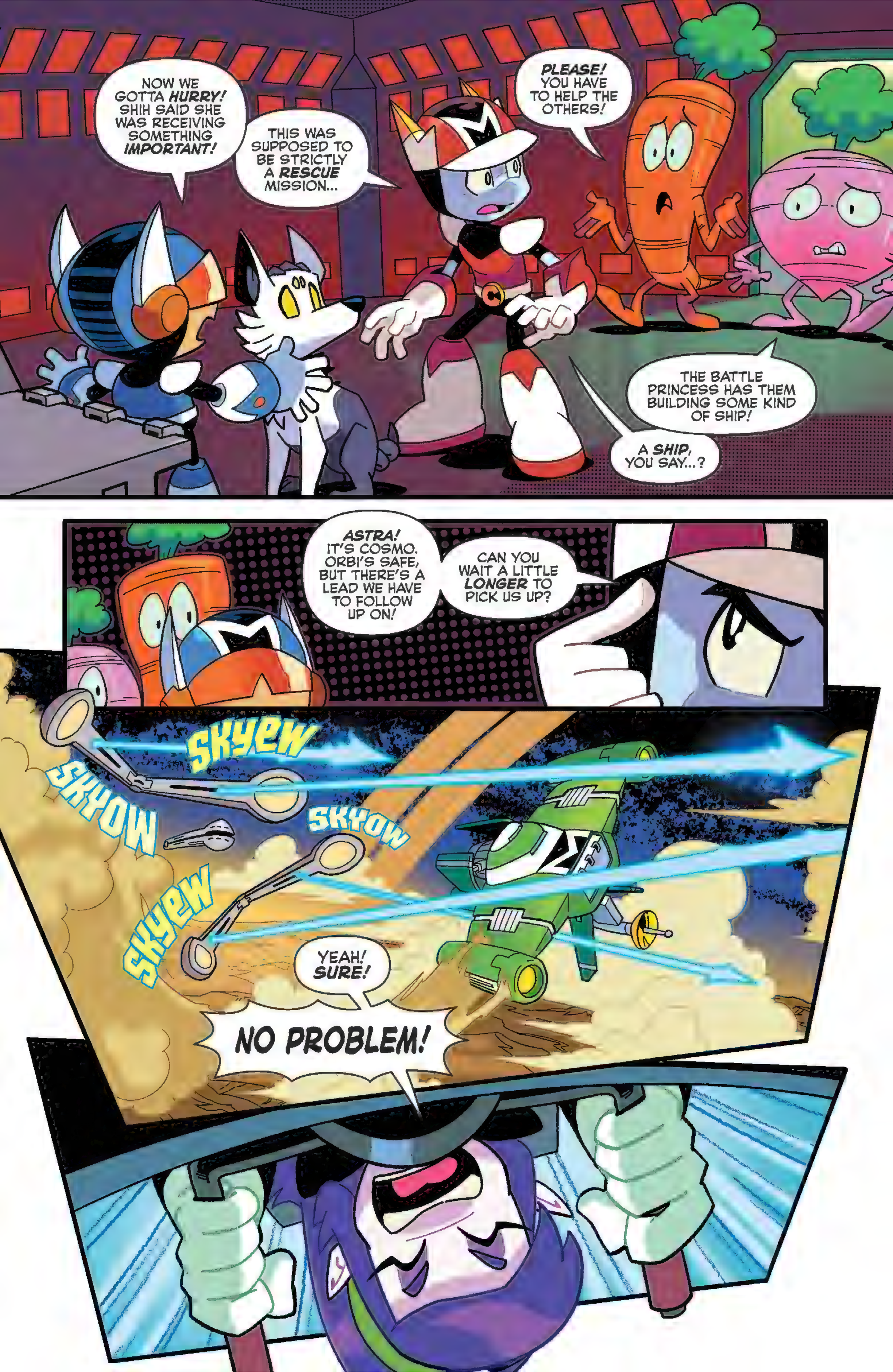
YOU'RE NOT WORTH WASTING THE APHRODITE.

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY TO DISAPPOINT SOMEONE!


IT'S SHIH!
GRRR!
YOU SAID IT, BUDDY!
I'D LOVE TO FIGHT HER TOO, BUT WE'RE PLAYING THIS ONE SAFE.
GET ORBI, GET OUT, THEN PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE.
AND WE'RE SURE THESE WILL WORK BETTER THAN OUR SOAP-AND-WATER GUNS?
Oh, YES! WHEN I WAS GOING OVER THE DOWNLOADS FROM THE CERES BASE, I WAS ABLE TO PROCESS THE PROPER ANTI-MUTAGEN FOR THE V'GHANS!
HAHA! WHEN DID YOU SLEEP BETWEEN THEN AND NOW?
I DIDN'T!

SPLORT
SPLATT
SCREEEE
M-MUSTARD?
...KETCHUP?
AND MOTHER ALWAYS SCOFFED WHEN I PUT THIS STUFF ON MY SALADS.
PLEASE BE OKAY, ORBI--!
WHERE'S THE LIGHT SWITCH...?
KLIK
AAAH!!
DON'T INJECT ME WITH *DISCO FEVER!* I'D RATHER BE A *MUTANT!*

ORBI! ARE YOU OKAY?!
COSMO! JOJO! I'M FINE!


NOW WE GOTTA HURRY! SHIH SAID SHE WAS RECEIVING SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE STRICTLY A RESCUE MISSION...
PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO HELP THE OTHERS!
THE BATTLE PRINCESS HAS THEM BUILDING SOME KIND OF SHIP!
A SHIP, YOU SAY...?
ASTRA! IT'S COSMO. ORBI'S SAFE, BUT THERE'S A LEAD WE HAVE TO FOLLOW UP ON!
CAN YOU WAIT A LITTLE LONGER TO PICK US UP?
SKYEW
SKYOW
SKYOW
SKYEW
YEAH! SURE!
NO PROBLEM!

PERFECT-- *THANKS!* I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE'RE READY.

MEDULLA, DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT STYLE OF SHIP?

YES, ACTUALLY!

ACCORDING TO THE DATA WE DOWNLOADED, THAT IS A *NEW* MODEL OF *VENUSIAN BATTLESHIP*. QUEEN HESPER HAS ORDERED CONSTRUCTION OF ENOUGH TO INVADE ALMOST ANY WORLD IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM!

"*ANY* WORLD"? CLEARLY THEY'RE PLANNING ON INVADING THE ONLY ONE THAT MATTERS--

--*EARTH!*

O-OR *MARS*. I SUPPOSE IT'S A CLOSE SECOND.

THERE'S *SHIH!*

THE VEGEMITES ARE BRINGING HER SOMETHING!

SPLORT SPLAT

--WILL JUST HAVE TO COLLECT SOMETHING ELSE!

SPLATT

SPLOOT

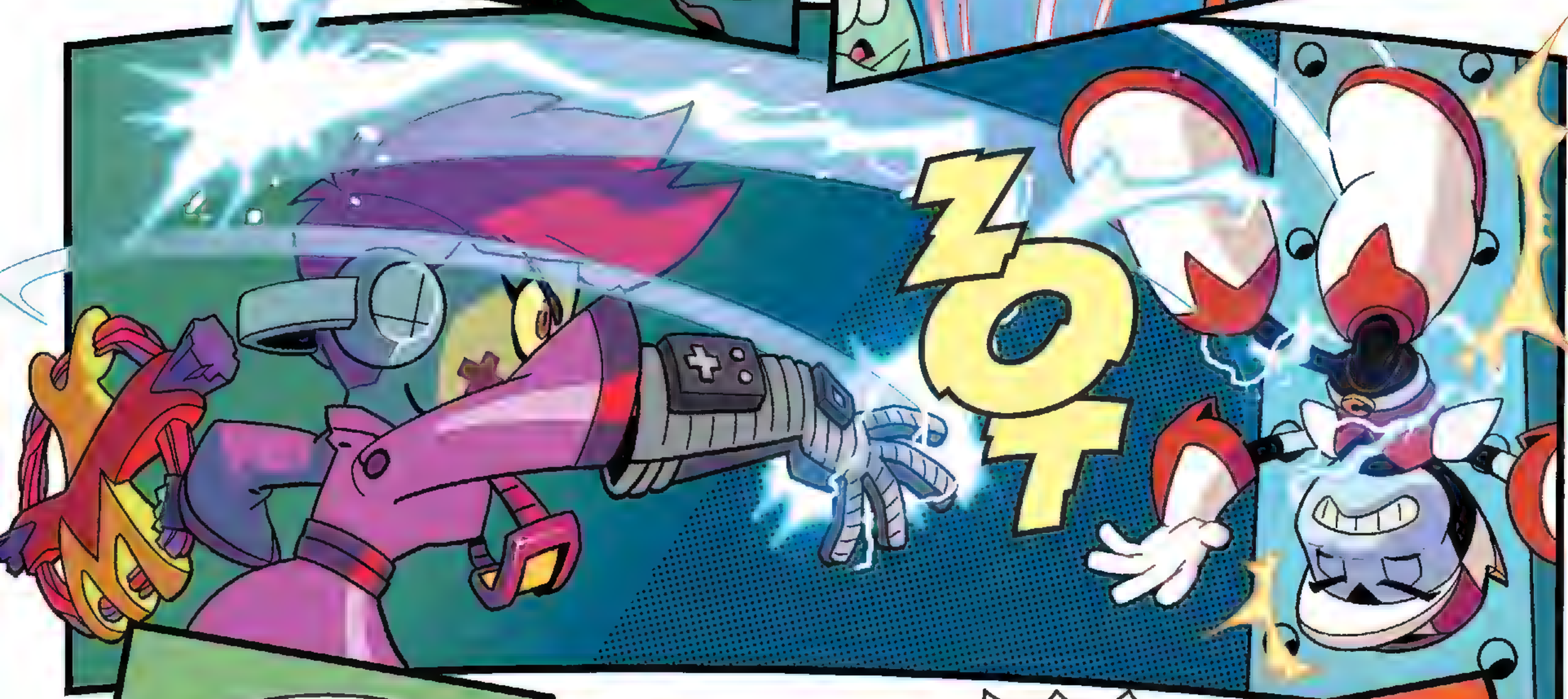
SPLOOT

SPLOOT

COMMENCE CONDIMENT CASCADE, COMRADES!

BACK! BACK! OR I'LL SEND YOU ALL TO THE BIG SALAD BAR IN THE SKY!

GIMME THAT RELIC!


ZOT

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD TAKE DOWN A BATTLE PRINCESS WITH A FLYING TACKLE?

NAH. BUT I KNEW I COULD DISTRACT YOU WITH ONE.

YOW!
CHOMP
HAHA! VICTORY FOR ORBI!

IT'S OVER, SHIH.
YOU'VE GOT NO BACK-UP, AND NO HOSTAGES TO DISTRACT US.
I PROMISE NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU AS OUR PRISONER.
I MAY NOT HAVE A HOSTAGE...
...BUT YOU HAVE A CASUALTY!
KRAK
ZOT
GLRPF!
MAX!!

YOU'LL PAY FOR DEFYING QUEEN HESPER'S WILL!
HANG ON, MAX! YOU'RE SO FULL OF HOT AIR, YOU SHOULD LAST FOR HOURS!
MMNFF!
ASTRA! WE NEED IMMEDIATE EVAC!
I'M STILL SHAKING THE PATROL SHIPS! GET TO COVER AND I'LL BE THERE ASAP!
Oh, NO!
WHUMPH
I HAVE AN IDEA!

Um... THANKS, BUT...
...IS THIS BETTER OR WORSE?!
CONTINUED...

NEXT ISSUE

Cosmo and Astra investigate a planet of shpooky shadows... little do they know it's actually an ambush led by one of the evil Venusian Battle Princesses, Boudica! Can the pair overcome the devious dark devils, or will they be overshadowed by the barbarous battling Boudica?!

DATA FILE: VENUS

From a distance, Venus is a beautiful, smoky-patterned marble, but on its surface, it's a craggy, volcanic land of rock and fire.

Venus is where Queen Hesper and her fellow Venusians live. It's here that Hesper's menacing palace stands, as if rising from the surface of Venus itself!

DATA FILE: AHPRODITE

An alien mineral that has the ability to emit a mind-controlling radiation. This radiation has a side effect that transforms the radiated subject into a hideous, mindless mutant!

The super brain of Cosmo's team, Medulla, has learned that there are ways of reversing the effects of Aphrodite, though each anti-mutagen is different depending on the species.

OUTER SPACE STRIPS

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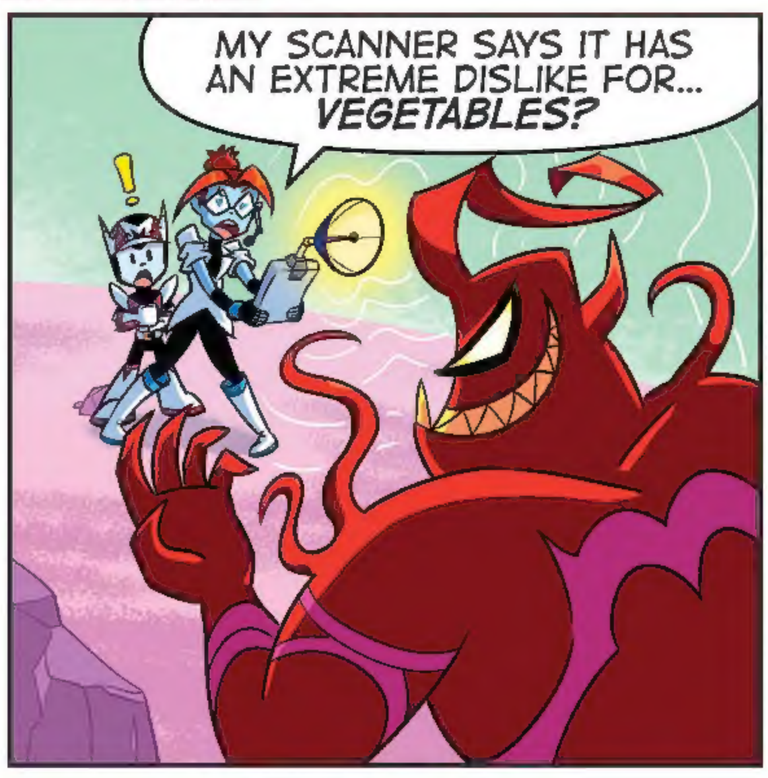

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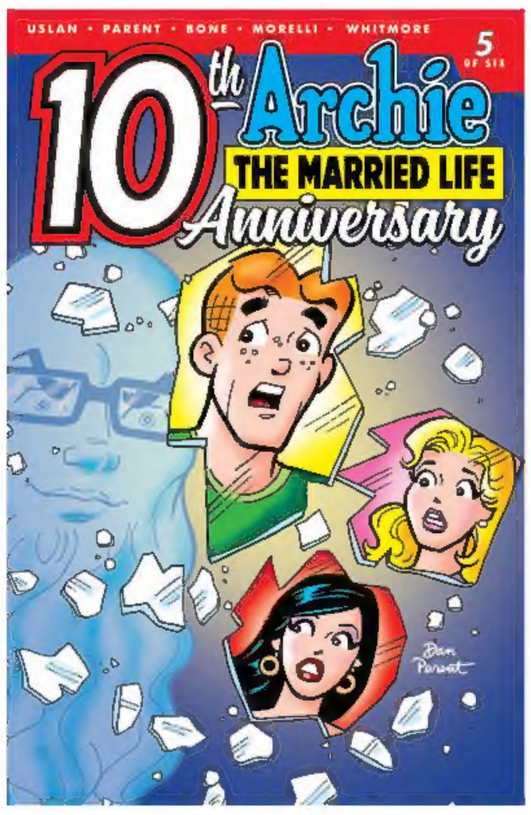

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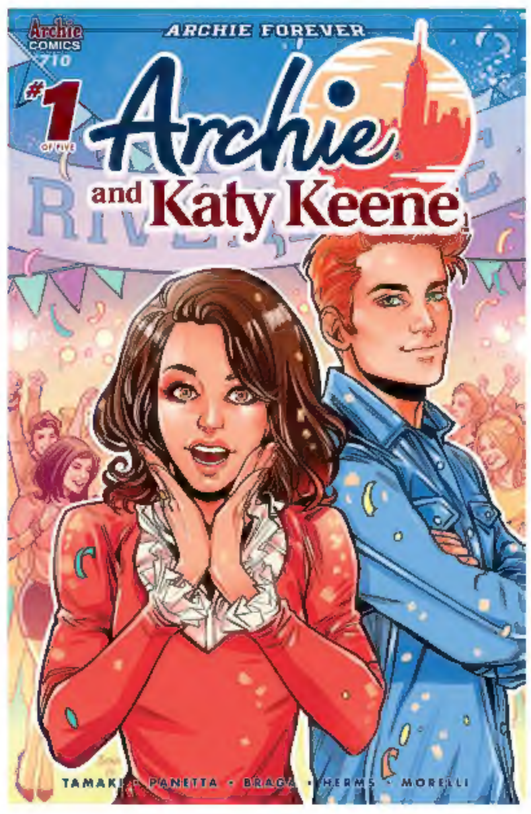

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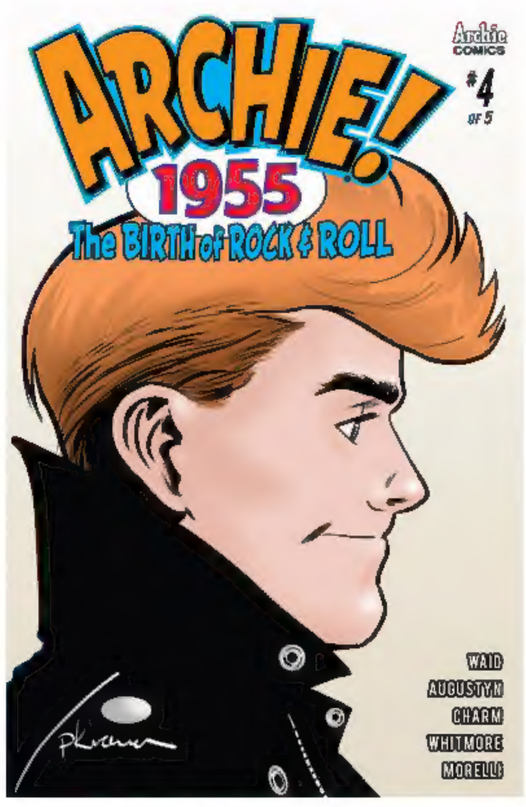

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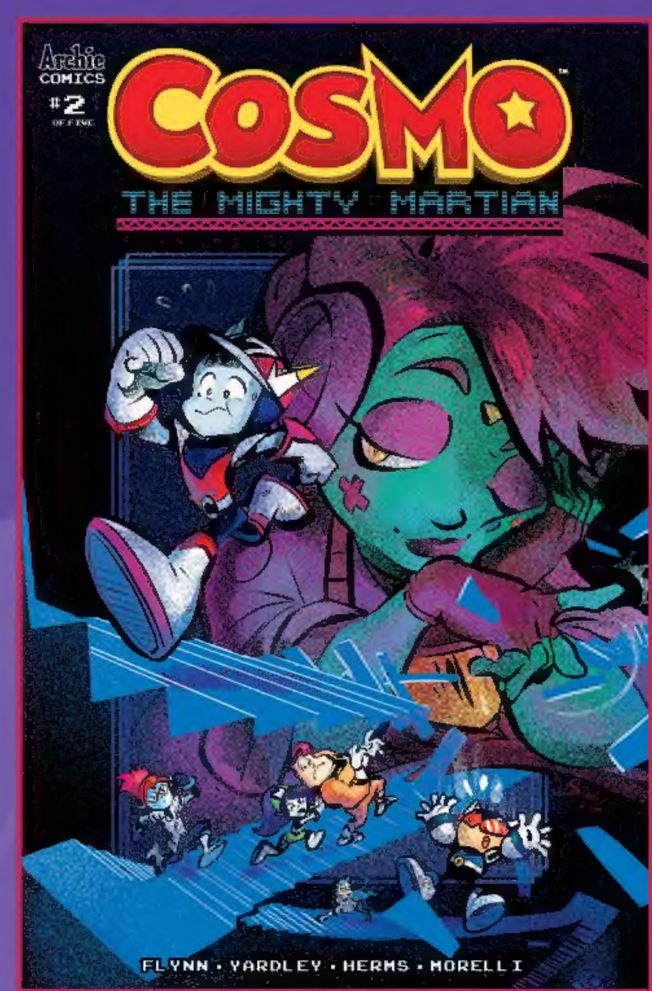

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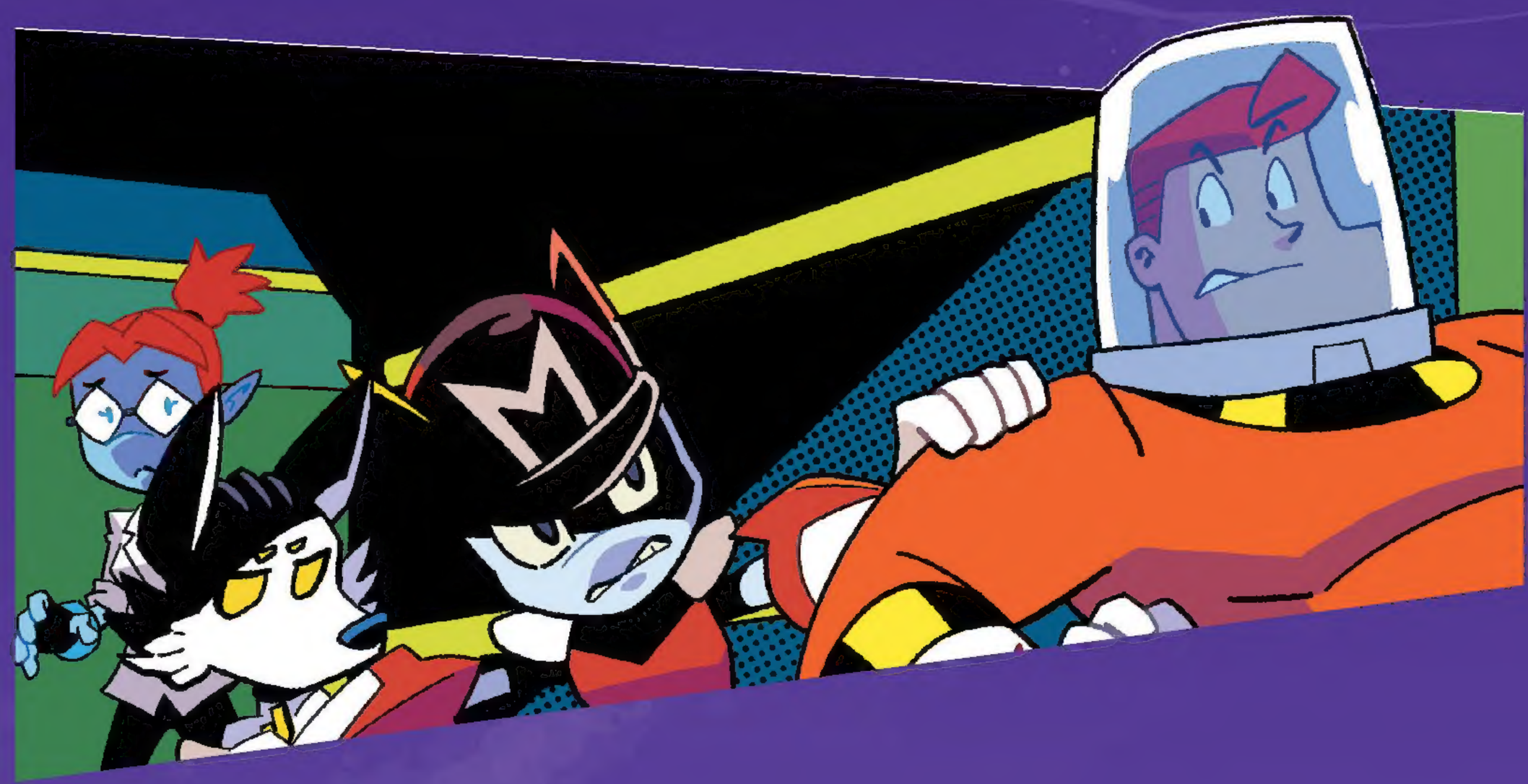

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